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AMENDED CLAIMS

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1. Dry extract obtained from roasted by-products of hard-shelled fruit and pulse processing, whereby the by-products are selected from membranes and fruit residues of hard-shelled fruits, pulses or mixtures thereof.
2. Dry extract according to Claim 1, characterised in that the hard-shelled fruits are nuts.
3. Method for production of the dry extract according to one of the Claims 1 or 2, comprising the extraction of the by-products of hard-shelled fruit and pulse processing and drying of the extract.
4. Method according to Claim 3 in which the extraction is carried out in stages.
5. Use of the extract according to one of the Claims 1 or 2 as a colorant or additive.
6. Use according to Claim 5 to stabilise anthocyanins and/or anthocyanidins.
7. Use according to Claim 5 or 6 in a food.
8. Use of the extract according to one of the Claims 1 or 2 for the production of coating films.

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